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Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding today's individual assistance declaration by FEMA:

"FEMA's decision, after closer examination of the information provided by the City, to provide individual assistance to the people of southeastern Wisconsin impacted by the July floods is welcome news. This is the case I made directly to the president when he was here earlier this month, and I am pleased he heard our appeal. This assistance will help so many across our region impacted by this disaster to pull their lives back together."